

Subject: Kuehl Happenings
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Last October, the Board voted unanimously to stand up for LGBTQ youth in the LA County child welfare system by proactively training our workers to more fully address the unique needs of these children.

North Carolina's recent passage of "HB2" required us to once again take a stand for the LGBT community.

On Tuesday, the Board passed a motion I co-authored with Supervisor Hilda Solis suspending County travel to the state of North Carolina.

Hate and discrimination have no place in Los Angeles County, and our precious tax dollars certainly shouldn't go to those who promote it.

Read More: [L.A. County supervisors pass ban on travel to North Carolina](#)

We also honored the 2016 Green Leadership Award winners from each district, approved a motion I co-authored with Supervisor Ridley-Thomas to improve the overall County Civil Service Commission process, and much more which you can read about in [this week's Board Report!](#)



Also on Tuesday, we joined leaders from [Peace Over Violence](#) in proclaiming the following day, [April 27th as “Denim Day”](#) and urged everyone to wear jeans and attend Denim Day events in their area to help communicate the message that there is “no excuse and never an invitation to rape.”

Above, **Team Kuehl on Denim Day!**



KPCC did a wonderful piece on our proposal to protect LA County residents with the largest drug and needle take-back program in the nation.

Pharmaceutical companies make billions of dollars here in LA so it's only fair that they pay the costs of keeping their used products from endangering lives and harming our environment.

Listen: [Proposed LA County law would make pharma pay for drug, sharps disposal](#)

And on that note, today in West Hollywood, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, [you can take unused or expired prescription drugs to the WeHo Sheriff's Station](#) so they can be disposed of responsibly.



Last November, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion establishing a program to increase arts diversity. The motion directed the Arts Commission to establish an advisory committee comprised of diverse arts and community leaders and to task them with developing recommendations that would enhance participation and leadership in the arts by individuals from underrepresented communities.

As a part of the process, a series of town halls are taking place throughout Los Angeles County. Members of the general public are invited to join the conversation and **take an active role in helping us shape the future of arts and culture in LA County.**

Make Your Voice Heard: [Increasing Diversity in the Arts](#)



At the Metro Board meeting on Thursday, the Board received a report that wi-fi is now available on the subway from Union Station to 7th St. Station and more will roll out in the next two-to-three months.

Metro bike share will come to downtown LA this summer and the Board approved a procurement process for 850 new buses which must either run on natural gas or be zero emission with a goal of eventually going entirely to zero emission buses.



Finally, I was so pleased this week to honor our amazing support staff for Administrative Professionals' Day! These folks are the real heroes and sheroes of our office, serving on the front lines for constituent services and backing up all the great work our Deputies do.

A BIG shoutout and thanks to (pictured above left to right) [Yolanda Valadez](#), [Bertha Mardueno](#), [Julio Jimenez](#), [Blake Clayton](#), [Ellen Alty](#) and [Daniela Berbel](#)! We'd be lost without you!

Have a great week!



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